

"The Zamora, like all the other rivers coming from the Cordillera Oriental, is auriferous, (32) and the Jíbaros have some idea of gold washing. A few grams of the metal which I got from one of them had been amalgamated, but how I could not discover. Mercury for the purpose may have been obtained from Loja or Gualaquiza, (33) or it may have been found in the alluvial deposits of the region, as it sometimes occurs, in a disseminated state, in such formations. (34)"

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"32. Wolf, op. cit., pp. 310 and 597.

33. A town of Oriente inhabited by whites. See inset on map, Fig. 1.

34. Ibid., pp. 253 and 314."